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### **NEWS RELEASE – TRICHOMONIASIS RULES**

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Effective today:

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board has temporarily waived the regulations prohibiting the marketing of non-pregnant and non-virgin South Dakota origin cows in the state for breeding. This is being done in an effort to assist cattle producers forced to sell breeding animals due to the extreme drought.

Dr. Sam Holland, State Veterinarian, states this waiver will hopefully allow producers who are able to hold on to calves and feed them while marketing some of the mother cows to take advantage of a broader market and hopefully increased value.

Holland says these South Dakota origin cows, especially in the drought area, present extremely low trichomoniasis disease risk. This rule waiver provides response to industry needs in times of drought crisis, yet maintains good animal health requirements. The rule is waived through December 31, 2006.

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